

ENHANCING EXPERIENCE-CURRICULAR SUPPLEMENTARY ACTIVITIES

Getting Started with Chinese

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Target group	Only for students of MSc Programs
Conditions for enrolment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enrolment through yoU@B Diary in the periods communicated and specified on the website
Course information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taught in English One single class, limited to 50 participants 24 hours
Minimum entry level	None
Objective	To acquire a basic knowledge of the language
Credit points (2 CFU)	<p>To obtain the 2 credit points, students must meet the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attending 75% of the lessons (Attendance procedure) Passing final exam
N.B.	The course will only run if the minimum number of enrollments has been reached

Introduction

The course (24 hours) is aimed at beginners and is intended to provide the basics of the Chinese language standard (Putonghua), spoken.

The course runs in the 1st and 2nd semester: every student receives details about how and when to apply via yoU@B Diary. When the enrollment period is over, applicants will receive confirmation of their acceptance/non-acceptance on the course.

This activity is limited to 50 participants. Registrations cannot be carried out once this number has been reached or after closing of the registration period.

Syllabus

The course focuses on the analysis of real situations, video, and oral and written pieces, in order to offer students an introduction to the Chinese language and culture.

Objectives of the course:

- Learning the basis of linguistic elements;
- Introducing the Chinese culture.

Lessons	Content
Lessons 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction: Chinese characters and phonetic transcription (pinyin and tones)• Greetings (How do you do?)
Lessons 2-3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Practice of pronunciation, notes on pinyin spelling• Using computer keyboard to write Chinese characters• Greetings (How is your health? Are you busy with work?)• Grammar: questions with “吗”
Lessons 4-5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Order of strokes in Chinese character writing;• Making an acquaintance (self-introduction)• Grammar: questions with interrogative pronouns
Lessons 6-7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction of Chinese culture• Making an acquaintance (What is your name?)• Grammar: the sentence with an adjectival predicate
Lessons 8-9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction of Chinese culture• Making an acquaintance (Let me introduce...)• Grammar: the sentence with a verbal predicate

For successful learning outcomes, it is recommended that students complete autonomously the exercises of the manual during the course.

Teaching Mode

It will be possible to join the course in distance, by connecting remotely and following the streaming of the lesson.



Calendar

Date	Time
Wednesday 28 October 2020	18:40-20:10
Wednesday 4 November 2020	18:40-20:10
Saturday 7 November 2020	10:20-12:50
Wednesday 11 November 2020	18:40-20:10
Saturday 14 November 2020	10:20-12:50
Wednesday 18 November 2020	18:40-20:10
Saturday 21 November 2020	10:20-12:50
Wednesday 25 November 2020	18:40-20:10
Saturday 28 November 2020	10:20-12:50
Wednesday 2 December 2020	18:40-20:10

Set textbook

Kang Yuhua & Lai Siping, *Conversational Chinese 301*, 3rd edition, Beijing Language and Culture University Press, 2006

Conditions for obtaining two credit points (CFU)

To obtain the 2 credit points (CFU), which can be registered in the student's academic career, **two conditions** must be met:

1. **Attendance of 75%** of the course or higher as recorded by the teacher;
2. Passing the **final test**.

